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Cosmo Members Ailing

If you learn of one our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Curt Whiteman, Memorial & Visitation Chair, 220-6833, whiteman@westmont.edu.

Dress Code

Jackets are the required dress code during El Niño

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Dale Charpentier & Bill Irvine

Invocation: Peter Kruse

Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Bill Alexander, Jack Petterson & Orlando Ramirez Sergeant-at-Arms: Walter Clapp Punchbowl Host: Don Archer Photographer: Ron White

Time of Meetings 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

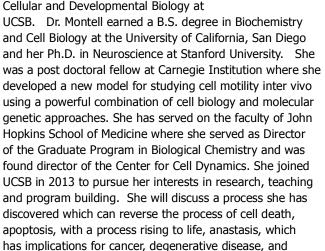
NEXT MEETING

April 7, Ladies Day

Speaker: Dr. Denise Montell

Near Death Experiences at the Cell Level

Jim Davis will introduce Dr. Montell, the Duggan Professor of Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology at



Notice. As in Ladies' Day in previous years we will take your cash or check at the meetings leading up to the event. We do not take your money the day of the event. You may mail a check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to the club treasurer, Fred Marsh indicating "Ladies Day". Its \$44 for a couple, \$22 single to 140 Eucalyptus Hill Circle, SB 93103.

April 21, 2016

regenerative medicine.

Speaker: Professor Irwin Appel

Teaching and Producing Drama at UCSB

Irwin Appel is Professor of Theater and Director of the Bachelor of Fine Arts Actor

Training Program at UCSB. He is a graduate of Princeton University and The Juilliard School. An accomplished Shakespearean Actor, Director and Producer, Appel has appeared at many renowned Shakespearean festivals throughout the United States playing, among other roles, Prospero, Shylock, Falstaff and King Lear. Appel has lectured and conducted acting workshops abroad in Zurich, Warsaw and Gdansk. He is also a composer and sound designer.

This winter, Appel directed "The Death of Kings," a two-part production, presented at UCSB's Hatlen Theater. "Kings" is a magnificent condensation of Shakespeare's history plays. Starting in 1398 with Richard II's reign, continuing through the reigns of Henrys IV, V and VI and the 30 year War of the Roses. "Death of Kings" concludes with the rise and fall of Richard III, killed at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, resulting in the crowning of Henry Tudor as Henry VII.

Professor Appel will discuss his achievements at UCSB. Don O'Dowd will introduce him.

May 5, 2016

UCSB Mens Soccer Coach Tim Vom Steeg

Building a Team; the success story of UCSB Soccer

2004 & 2006 NSCAA National Coach of the Year

2004, 2005, 2010, 2013, 2015 Big West Conference Coach of the Year

2008 California Community College Coaches Hall of Fame Inductee

Tim Vom Steeg is in his 17th season as head coach of the UC Santa Barbara men's soccer program. He was named NCAA Division I National Coach of the Year by the NSCAA for the second time after leading UCSB to the program's first national championship in 2006 and most recently picked up his fifth Big West Coach of the Year award following the 2015 season.

After leading UCSB to its first NCAA College Cup appearance and final in 2004, Vom Steeg earned his first NCAA National Coach of the Year award. He also garnered NSCAA National Coach of the Year honors that season, and again in 2006, after leading the Gauchos to the NCAA title, just the second in UCSB Athletics history.

Vom Steeg has been honored as the Big West Coach of the Year on four other occasions: 2004, 2005, 2010, and 2013. Additionally, he garnered Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Co-Coach of the Year accolades during his first season with UCSB after guiding Santa Barbara to a 10.5-game improvement on their 1998 record, the best turnaround in the NCAA at the Division I level that year.

Vom Steeg played at UCSB from 1985 to 1988, and graduated in 1989 with a B.A. in history. He received his master's degree from UCSB in 2000. He has also earned his USSF National "B" Coaching License.

Vom Steeg resides in Santa Barbara and is married to

Almeria Vom Steeg. They have four sons: Justin, Carson, and twins Caden and Jared.

WINE DRAWING

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing.

Today's winners were:



John Jezek won a bottle of Moshin Vineyard's '13 Pinot Gris from Sonoma Valley and Harry Stroud took home a Tartulia Cellars '09 Excelsior Red from Walla Walla Washington.

WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Warner Owens introduced our guest: Stan Ostern hosted Don Newman, a self-employed money manager.

Proposed for Membership

Gerhard (Gerard) Dirk Cornelis Kuiken is sponsored for membership by Harry Stroud. Gerard resides at 203 Hitchcock Way, apt. 203 in Santa Barbara with his wife of 8 years, Margaret. After a long-range courtship, Gerard immigrated from The Netherlands to Santa Barbara upon his marriage to Margaret. His email is g.d.c.kuiken@planet. nl .

The couple reside part of each year in The Hague and part of the year in Santa Barbara. Gerard was born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and received his education in that country with degrees in physics and engineering including a Ph.D. and Mse "cum laude".

His career included two years of military service in the Netherlands Air Force as an officer. His professional career was primarily as a professor of Rheology and IRR Thermodynamics at University of Technology Delft and spanned a period of some 35 years until his retirement.

Gerard's interests include physics, perennial wisdom, Sanskrit, world affairs and aviation. He enjoys golf, chess, billiards and travel.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2016-2017

The annual election of officers and directors for the Cosmopolitan Club for 2016–2017 was conducted and the following Board was unanimously elected.

President: Jim Davis

Vice President: Harv Turner

Secretary: Chuck Curtis

Treasurer: Mike Cribbs

Member at large: Dennis Gaon

Member at large: Manny Espig

Immediate past President: Bill Stancer

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Club will provide a free lunch for a first-time guest. If he submits a new member application within one week of his first guest visit, his sponsor will receive a free lunch. If he is ultimately inducted into membership, both he and his sponsor will receive a free lunch at the meeting when he is inducted. The sponsor must present a free lunch voucher, signed by the President, to the ticket sellers. Vouchers can be obtained either from the President or the Sergeant-at-Arms, and membership applications can be downloaded from the Club's website.

The incentive program will continue through our regular meeting on May 17, 2016.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

Under the leadership of Jim Davis, members of Cosmo meet to discuss areas of mutual interest after the second regular monthly Cosmo meeting.

For the March 17 meeting Jim presented this topic for discussion:

"Is There a Scientific Method?" History and Status

For a future meeting the topic will be "Social Movements and Belief Systems"

Jim asks those interested to suggest other topics for future meetings. The next discussion is scheduled for April 24th.

BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 pm. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net. Call Ed prior to the meeting to get on the list.

TENNIS

The tennis group plays doubles twice a week on a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8:00 am Mondays and Thursdays. All tennis players are invited to participate. Contact Bruce Long at (805) 692-4072 or bruce93103@cox.net.

GOLF

Golf Chairman Ron Singer reported the website cosmogolfclubsb.com is up and running and encouraged new members to use it to register and for additional news.



Mondays, we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club, (Muni). Tee times most often beginn at 10:15.

Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsinger916@aol.com by the prior Friday for your tee time. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends.

We also have additional games at various courses. Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the Floating Golf Game Circuit. Wandering Wednesday and Floating Friday locations include courses throughout the tri-county area. A. B. Clarke, Stephen Stonefield and Stan Clothier select the floating golf game sites.

Cosmopolitan Golf Club's recent away event – Las Vegas March 13-16

Led by Chairman Ron Singer, 32 players of the Cosmo Golf Club, accompanied by a number of spouses and others, completed a very successful 3 night, 3 course visit to Las Vegas on March 16. Based in premium rooms at the lovely Westin Lake Las Vegas, the group played private country clubs Dragon Ridge, South Coast, and Anthem. Excursions to the Strip for shows or shopping culminated in a group dinner at Marssa on Tuesday night. This was reported to be the largest and most well received golf trip to date, and portends well for future endeavors. A few photos are included in this issue but for the full spread check out the golf Club's site.

Cosmo Golf Club Away Event April 4-5

Next out of town event is scheduled for April 4-5 and will be at Oak Quarry and Goose Creek courses in the Riverside area. Please see the Cosmo Golf Club's website for details. Contact Ron Singer for any questions and to get on the list. Better hurry.

Cosmopolitan Club Golf Outing,.....Monday May 9, 2016

Price: \$54 per player (includes cart, green fees, driving range & prize money)

This tourney will be at Rancho San Marcus with first tee time of 11:00 a.m. We will use the popular scramble format and prizes will be awarded following.

Tournament Coordinators: John Mackenzie: E-mail: jbmac007@cox.net, Phone: 805-964-9339 And Paul Fink: E-mail: pfink33@gmail.com, Phone: 805-252-1591

Sign up by E-mail or at a Cosmopolitan lunch meeting.

Send money: \$54 Make check out to Cosmopolitan Club to: % Ron Singer, 3375 Foothill #916, Carpinteria, CA 93013

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 7, Peter Kruse will present information relative to Health and Long Term Custodial Care after the April 7, meeting in the upstairs board room. Peter H. Kruse 805.338.4233 sbpete8@gmail.com

April 24, Opera Luncheon and Performance

Interested members will attend a Noon lunch at La Cumbre Country Club followed by a 2:30 Santa Barbara presentation of two one act Operas, "Suor Angelica" and "Gianni Schicchi" by Giacomo Puccini at the Granada Theater for a cost of \$91.00 per person for lunch and tickets. Contact Fred Sidon. Make checks out to Cosmopolitan Club and send them to Fred at 555 Las Palmas Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

May 10 GARDEN RAILROAD in Los Alamos

Merle Blasjo will demonstrate his garden railroad which combines the hobbies of model railroading and gardening. After looking at the construction and the plantings and watching the train run, we will go to 'Plenty on Bell', Los Alamos's newest restaurant, for a buffet luncheon. Longtime local chef Jesper Johansson promises an enjoyable meal on the patio reserved for us. After lunch, attendees might wish to visit local wineries, antique stores, the Historic Union Hotel or bring home a loaf of nationally-acclaimed Bob's Well Bread. Transportation will be up to the individuals; Los Alamos is not far but ride-sharing in encouraged. Cost is \$33 per person including meal, drink, desert, tax and tip. This event is limited to 25 persons Please call Merle Blasjo 344-1925 to reserve.

LAST MEETING

March 17

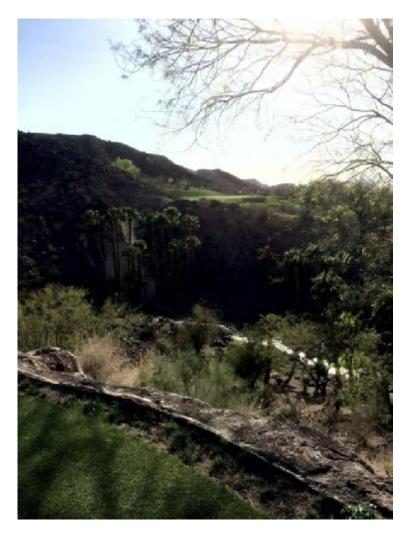
Santa Barbara Opera Presentation



Fred Sidon introduced the Mosher Studio Artists for a musical program. We were entertained by a messi-soprano, Molly Clementz, a Soprano, Rachel Blaustein, and a tenor, Lee Steiner, all accompanied by pianist/coach Kyle Naig. The baritone voice was unable to appear for this performance.

These artists performed previews of coming opera performances and other significant arias. The Mosher Studio Artists have been selected as up-and-coming opera singers to take part in Opera Santa Barbara productions, community events, and masterclasses with top industry directors and conductors. Alumni of this program have gone on to perform roles with companies around the world including the Metropolitan and the Washington National.

The three singers exhibited their beautiful voices in solos and duets. Arias were chosen from operas by Mozart, Puccini, Gounod, Donazetti and Verdi and your editor's favorite, the wonderfully melodic Lakme duet by Delibes. These artists appeared to be quite young to be so artistically talented and clasically trained. It is probable that many in our audience are not opera fans but equally likely that all enjoyed this presentation.











Las Vegas Golf Trip